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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

making the importation into Greece of certain jute products  
originating in India or Bangladesh subject to  
quantitative limitation

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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I. The Community has agreements on trade in jute products with India and Bangladesh respectively<sup>1</sup>. The Agreements provide inter alia for voluntary restraint by those countries of their exports of certain jute products to the Community for the lifetime of the accords, i.e. until 31 December 1983.

II. With a view to adapting the Agreements in the light of Greece's accession, the Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations with India and Bangladesh; and since the voluntary restraint ceilings are administered by the exporting countries themselves it is necessary to reach agreement with them on the level to be applied for Greece.

III. So far it has not been possible to conclude the negotiations. Pending the outcome the Community needs to take internal transitional measures to adapt the import rules applying in Greece to those laid down by the Agreements for the Community. In particular, it is necessary to limit Greece's imports of certain jute products originating in India or Bangladesh which are subject to quantitative restrictions under the Agreements. The limits are set for a year, and it is understood that once the negotiations have been concluded these transitional arrangements will be replaced by new rules reflecting the outcome of the talks. The limits have been worked out on the same basis as was used for the other Member States' ceilings during the original Community negotiations with the two exporting countries, i.e. in this case the highest yearly figure for Greek imports of the products concerned since 1977, plus a growth rate.

IV. Accordingly, the Commission recommends that the Council adopt the following regulation.

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<sup>1</sup>The Agreements are being applied de facto pending completion of the procedures necessary for formal conclusion.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Whereas Agreements on trade in jute products have been negotiated between the Community on the one hand and India and Bangladesh on the other, providing for voluntary restraint of exports of certain products to the Community;

Whereas it has not yet been possible to conclude the current negotiations with the aforementioned countries on adaptation of the said Agreements to take account of the accession of Greece;

Whereas, pending the outcome of the negotiations, it is therefore necessary to place, as a transitional arrangement, quantitative limits on imports into Greece of certain jute products originating in Bangladesh and India, so as to align the rules for Greek imports as closely as possible with those applying in the Community as a whole;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1981 imports into Greece of the jute products listed in the Annex to this Regulation and originating in Bangladesh or India shall be subject to this Regulation.

Article 2

Imports into Greece of the jute products listed in the Annex shall be subject to import authorizations to be issued by the Greek authorities up to the limits indicated in the said Annex.

### Article 3

Products admitted into Greece under inward processing or other suspensory arrangements shall not, provided that they are declared under such arrangements to be for re-export from that territory to a third country in their original state or after processing, be set off against the quantitative limits referred to in Article 2.

### Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

Annex

Quantitative limits for imports into Greece of certain  
jute products originating in Bangladesh and India

Quantitative limits 1981  
(tonnes)

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code	Description		
				Bangladesh	India
4	57.10 B	57.10-61 ex 57.10-65	Woven fabrics of jute or of other bast fibres of heading No 57.03:  ex B. Of a width of more than 150 cm but not more than 310 cm, other than those of category 7	8	346
7	57.10 B	57.10-70	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03:  ex B. Of a width of more than 150 cm, wholly or partially bleached, dyed or printed and having no visible selvedge in the width	5	203